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 Occurrence Date: 05/01/13- Day: WEDNESDAY- Time: 20:45-
 Status: AS ASSIGNED Closing Officer:
 Location: 1421 NW. 99TH ST., OK RD: 494

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NARRATIVE

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RE: In Custody Death of Clifton Armstrong

Subject: Interview with Springlake Patrol Officer Mohammed Tabiai #1817

Location: 2nd Floor Homicide Office

Witness: Homicide Investigator Ken Palmer

Attorney Susan Knight

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This interview was video recorded on DVD therefore this report will be a summary not verbatim.

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Body of Report:

On 05/06/13 Homicide Investigator Ken Palmer and I interviewed Springlake Patrol Officer Mohammed Tabiai #1817 on the second floor Officer interview room. Officer Tabiai is assigned to second shift Springlake and was riding unit # 2C103. He works A set and his days on are Thursday to Thursday.

Prior to this incident Officer Tabiai had responded to approximately 6 to 7 calls.

I asked Officer Tabiai to tell me what occurred.

Officer Tabiai stated prior to this call being dispatched, he was finishing a Burglary two call in his district. Officer Dutton 2C111 had advised dispatch he would respond to the suspicious activity call in Officer Tabiai's district. Officer Tabiai stated he noticed on the MDC (car computer) that Officer Dutton was at a far distance responding to the suspicious activity call. Officer Tabiai told Officer Dutton he would take the call so he would not have to drive to it.

Officer Tabiai stated at this time an Attempt Suicide appeared on the computer screen also occurring in his district. Officer Dutton advised dispatch he would be enroute to this call. Officer Tabiai said he read the notes attached to the call which indicated the calling party was saying dragons were chasing him, people were chasing him trying to kill him and dead people were trying to kill him. The notes also read the calling party was on drugs and he wanted to kill himself. Officer Tabiai stated one of the things that stuck out in his mind was that the dispatcher noted the calling party sounded like he was

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out of breath and speaking really fast. The notes also stated the calling party wanted Officers to meet him at a different address not far from where this incident occurred.

Dispatch advised Officers the calling party was calling from a landline which was linked to 1421 NW 99th Street. Officer Tabiai stated he finished his call and advised dispatch to assign him backup for Officer Dutton. Officer Tabiai told Officer Dutton he was going to check the address the calling party wanted Officers to meet him while Officer Dutton drove to 1421 NW 99th.

Officer Tabiai arrived to the location and discovered the house to be on the northeast corner of this intersection (NW 98th and Waverly). Officer Tabiai said it appeared nobody was home. Officer Tabiai advised dispatch of his findings and requested a clothing description of the calling party. Officer Dutton then advised over the radio to come to 1421 NW 99th as the calling party was at this address.

Officer Tabiai stated he arrived with Officer Dutton who was standing in the front of the residence by the front door. Officer Tabiai walked up to Officer Dutton who pointed out the calling party was inside the house. Officer Tabiai looks into the house and saw the calling party sitting on the couch. Officer Tabiai also saw two other people in the house with the calling party. The calling party was rambling making no sense, saying some people are out to get him and they are trying to kill him.

Officer Tabiai stated the calling party was talking to the female (Velencia) and Velencia was asking calling party (Clifton) where the house phone was at. Clifton told Velencia he had thrown the phone into the backyard. Officer Tabiai stated Clifton then stood up and had a bottle of water in his hands and was pacing back and forth in the dining room. Officer Tabiai then stated Clifton pointed at the male (Carlton) and stated Carlton was taking advantage of his mother (Velencia) and he (Carlton) needed to get the hell out of this house. Velencia then told Clifton he needed to calm down and go get some help.

Clifton told Velencia he wanted to stay at the house and was not going anywhere. Velencia told Clifton he could not stay at the house because she was going to work and Clifton needed to get help. Velencia told Clifton she had called Jean to take him to the hospital, but Clifton stated he was not going anywhere.

Officer Tabiai stated he asked Velencia what was going on and she told him that Clifton needed to get help. Officer Tabiai described Velencia to be in a desperate state telling him she could not do anything for Clifton.

Velencia wanted Clifton to go to St. Anthonys to be diagnosed and told Officer Tabiai that Clifton did use drugs and she did not know if he was on drugs.

Officer Tabiai stated they were being patient with Clifton trying to figure out what needed to be done. Time had lapsed by and they continued to

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listen to Clifton. Officer Tabiai said Velencia kept talking to Clifton and Carlton felt somewhat threaten so he stood up and walked off into the living room to keep the distance between him and Clifton.

Officer Tabiai stated the Grandmother Jean showed up and told Clifton he was coming with her to the hospital. Clifton told Jean he was not going anywhere and sat back down on the couch. Officer Tabiai spoke to Clifton and retrieved general information from him. Clifton started to get agitated so Jean told him he needed help.

Clifton finally walked outside so everyone followed out into the front yard. Clifton did not want to get into any car and asked for a cigarette from in the house. Officers allowed Clifton to walk back into the house and Clifton then refused to come back out. Everyone went back inside again to talk with Clifton.

Clifton stated he was not going anywhere unless Velencia went with him. Velencia said she could not go because she had to go to work. Officer Tabiai told Velencia to call her boss and notify him she was going to be late because she needed to take her son to the hospital. Velencia called her boss and everyone including Clifton went back outside.

Everyone was standing on the west side of the driveway and Jean walked to her vehicle which was parked on the street and got into the drivers seat. The passenger door was opened and the front seat was reclined so Clifton could get into the back of the vehicle. Clifton refused to get in and said he wanted ride in the front seat. Jean told Clifton he was not riding in the front seat so Clifton said he was not going and started pacing back and forth in the yard. Clifton was trying to work his way back to the house but Officers would not let him. Clifton then sat on the grass and took a sip of water then throw his water bottle. Officer Tabiai moved out of the way so the bottle would not hit him. Clifton said he was not going anywhere.

Officer Dutton then started talking to Clifton and Clifton asked Officer Dutton why he was touching his "wee wee". Officer Tabiai said Clifton was talking like a little child. Clifton then started to scream. Officer Dutton then told Officer Tabiai to hold on and Dutton walked to his scout car to make a phone call.

Officer Tabiai said in a split second after Dutton walked to his car, Clifton stood up and took all his clothes off. Clifton became irate and started to scream while running around in the front yard. Officer Tabiai told Officer Dutton to get out of the car. Officer Tabiai stated Clifton then darted for the front door of the house. Officer Tabiai had several scenarios running through his mind in reference to Officer safety issues, one of which was Clifton going to attack the roommate and take him hostage, so Officers were not going to let Clifton get into the house.

Officers block Clifton from going back into the house. Officer Dutton tried to grab a hold of Clifton but was unable to because Clifton was completely naked. Officer Tabiai and Dutton were just trying to grab Clifton by

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his arms so they could detain him and put him in handcuffs, so they could subdue him and not hurt himself or anyone else.

Officer Tabiai stated at this stage of the incident it was now their responsibility to take Clifton into custody and take him to the hospital. Clifton was displaying erratic behavior.

Officer Tabiai stated while they were dealing with Clifton he saw the passenger door to Jean's car closed and the family had locked themselves inside the car because they were afraid of Clifton. Officer Tabiai stated this was his of what he believed.

Clifton leaned up against the car and threw his hands up so Officer Tabiai was going to attempt an academy taught arm bar take down. Officer Tabiai stated he took his left hand and grabbed Clifton's left wrist. Officer Tabiai slid his right arm under Clifton's left arm pit to his left shoulder and attempted to spin him but it did not work. The close quarters Officer Tabiai was working with did not allow him to take Clifton down to the ground. Officer Tabiai needed to adjust his technique so he placed his right leg in front of Clifton's to trip him. Officer Tabiai attempted this technique again and used all his strength and Clifton did not move. Officer Tabiai described Clifton to have super human natural strength and he was not moving.

At one point during this attempt Officer Tabiai was turned around and was now facing Clifton face to face. Officer Tabiai fell backwards onto his back and Clifton fell on top of him. Officer Dutton who was helping Officer Tabiai also fell with them. Officer Tabiai heard the tone of "holding the air" and thinks Officer Dutton requested dispatch to hold the air.

Officer Tabiai stated all three of them were on the ground and all they were trying to do was grab Clifton's wrist so they could put his hands behind his back and cuff him. Officers were rolling around on the ground with Clifton tossing and turning in the yard. Officer Tabiai stated at one point his radio came off and the mike got wrapped around his neck. Officer Tabiai grabbed the mike off his neck and threw the radio because he did not want to choke himself or give Clifton the chance to choke him with his mike.

Officer Tabiai felt at one point he had the upper hand on Clifton because he got on top of him and he was driving his hips into Clifton's lower back. All of the sudden Officer Tabiai was bucked off like he was riding a bull and fell onto his back. Officer Tabiai got back up and again began struggling with Clifton who was still screaming. Officers were giving commands to Clifton to "stop resisting, calm down".

Officer Tabiai stated at no point did he deliver any strikes to Clifton.

Officer Tabiai's main concern was to subdue Clifton or detain him. Officer Tabiai heard a female voice saying "Clifton stop, Clifton stop". Officer Tabiai made the decision the only way he was going to be able to detain Clifton was to get back on top of him to prevent Clifton from standing up which

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Clifton was in the process of doing. Officer Tabiai slid his right arm underneath Clifton right arm pit, then his left arm underneath Clifton's left arm pit then he wrapped his legs around Clifton and brought him down to the ground. Officer Tabiai said all he was going to do was hold Clifton down. Clifton continued to struggle with the Officers.

Officer Tabiai stated at one point during this process Clifton had one handcuff on his right wrist. Officer Tabiai decided to bring his left hand over Clifton's left shoulder to grab Clifton's left wrist because Clifton was still struggling and his arms were swinging around. Officer Tabiai stated he was getting exhausted because this went on for approximately 3 to 4 minutes before they got any help. Officers were able to roll Clifton and Officer Tabiai saw Officer Holtzclaw arriving. Officer Tabiai breathed a sigh of relief and said "Thank God somebody is coming to help".

With the help of Officer Holtzclaw, Officer Tabiai was able to pry Clifton's left wrist out with an academy taught technique and he advised other Officers he had Clifton's left wrist. Clifton was finally handcuffed.

Officer Tabiai stated he was exhausted and a fourth Officer arrived and Clifton started kicking his legs. Officers held Clifton's legs down and the hobble restraints were applied. Officer Tabiai did not know for sure which Officer applied the hobble restraints to Clifton's legs. Officer Tabiai assisted in applying the sit belt around Clifton's waist the way the academy taught him. Officer Tabiai stated he rolled Clifton one way and slid the belt underneath, then rolled Clifton the other way and finished sliding the sit belt around Clifton's waist. Officer Tabiai stated Clifton continued to scream and was breathing.

Officer Tabiai stated at this point he did not have any strength left so the only thing he could do was stabilize Clifton by placing his right shin across Clifton's right shoulder towards his left hip. Officer Tabiai stated this technique is academy taught as well.

Officer Tabiai stated he then looked down towards Clifton's legs and saw Officers struggling in bending Clifton's legs. Officer Tabiai said he told Clifton to calm down because the Officers could not get Clifton to bend his legs so they could finish applying the hobble. Officer Tabiai stated finally the hobble restraint was applied. Officer Tabiai could not remember if Velencia or Jean handed him his radio.

Officer Tabiai put his radio back on and contacted a field supervisor.

Officer Tabiai was told to retrieve a third party statement form from his car. Officer Tabiai said he looked towards Clifton and he was still breathing moving his head. Officer Tabiai went to the trunk of the car and retrieved the form. He then walked to the front door and told Carlton to get Velencia and Jean. Velencia and Jean came out to Officer Tabiai who then explained how to fill out the third party statement forms.

Officer Tabiai walked back to his patrol car and was told by Officer

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Franklin that Clifton was not breathing. Officer Tabiai said he walked over to Clifton and rubbed his back and Clifton was not breathing. The decision was made to take the hobble restraint off. They sat Clifton on his right side, then had him in a seated position with his hands still cuffed. Officer Tabiai started to rub Clifton's sternum to get a response and one other Officer checked Clifton's pulse. A faint pulse was felt by this Officer (unknown). Officer Tabiai placed his hand underneath Clifton's nose and felt a warm breath.

EMSA was called.

Officer Tabiai stated Clifton was not breathing so the handcuffs were taken off. Clifton was laid on his side then on his back. EMSA arrived to the scene.

Officer Tabiai stated early on when he first arrived to this incident just by the way Clifton was talking and acting he knew Clifton needed to get help. Officers were being patient with Clifton and were avoiding things that would make Clifton snap into wanting to fight.

Officer Tabiai stated when he was holding Clifton he was on the ground on his back and Clifton was on top of him. Officer Tabiai stated he was holding on for dear life. Clifton was very strong. Officer Tabiai stated at one point he was worried and scared because he did not know what was going on with Clifton.

Officer Tabiai never saw any Officer hit, kick, stand on or punch Clifton. Officer Tabiai does not carry a taser and he did not use his asp either.

I asked Officer Tabiai if he thought Clifton was under the influence of drugs. Officer Tabiai said "yes". Clifton was very strong and between him and Officer Dutton they were unable to subdue Clifton without additional help.

=====End of Report #1146=====

Robbie Benavides #1146
 Homicide Unit, H9

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